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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is to deny your refund request in the amount of \$199.00, for patent/serial number 10695823.

There is a total of 28 claims. Minus the 20 allowed is  $8 \times 9.00 = \$72.00$   
See attached sheet where the claims are counted. The ones circled are improper because of the wording.

Sincerely,

ELEANOR KURTZ  
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